Headteacher: Mrs Kelly O'Connor

Weds 20th March 2024 Year 4 Parents Multiplication Check (MTC) Information Session

Dear Year 4 Parent/Carer,

We are writing to ensure that you are aware that there is a new test for all Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check

We will be holding an information session to answer any questions you may have on Wednesday 20th March at 3.45pm – 4.15pm.

The check itself:

• will take place in the summer term in June.

• is done online using a computer or tablet.

• can be done one student at a time, in groups or as a class.

• will take no longer than 5 minutes.

• will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Because there is such a lot to cover in the maths curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children at home. Some easy ways to do this include:

• logging onto TT Rockstars

• asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"

• reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)

• using apps and games • singing times tables songs (there are lots online)

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

As you will be aware we subscribe to Times Tables Rockstars for all children. Downloading the APP at home and supporting your child to make progress on this will significantly improve their times tables recall. Many of the activities on Times Tables Rockstars replicate the format of the Times Tables Check which provides useful practise.

If you have any questions, please bring them along to our information session.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Parker

Mrs S Smith Maths Subject Lead

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Y4 MTC Information Session

o Wednesday March 20th January 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Child's name: _____

Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____